"The Miracle of Christmas"
Matthew 1:18-25

Three steps to the Jewish marriage procedure:

1. Engagement
2. Betrothal
3. Marriage proper

What is a miracle?

A miracle is the action of God that interrupts the normal course of events and produces powerful and/or unusual results that would not have occurred otherwise.

What are the prerequisites to seeing a miracle?

Six questions:

1. Purpose – Why do I desire a miracle?
2. Praise – Am I willing to give God glory?

   Principle: The source of miracles in our lives is God!

3. Patience – Am I willing to wait for God's timing?

   "But when the time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law." Galatians 4:4

   Principle: The timing of God was perfect for the birth of Jesus.

   To understand God's timing in my life I must:

   A. Realize that God's timing may be different from mine.
   B. Realize that God's timing is always perfect.

   > "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the Lord, as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55:8, 9

4. Positive – Do I have faith?

   "Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have Received it, and it will be yours." Mark 11:24

5. Purity – Am I walking in righteousness?

   "The angel went to her and said, "Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you." Luke 1:28

6. Passion – Do I have a desire for God?

   Principle: Passion for Jesus Christ is a key to seeing God's miraculous power in Your life.

Principle: God wants to do a "Mary miracle" in your life!